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June 29, 2000

Ms. Magalie R. Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. 12th Street lobby, TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554



Re: GTE Certification of Interstate Access Universal Service Support, CC

Docket No. 96-262, 94-1, 99-249, and 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

GTE Service Corporation, on behalf of its affiliated domestic telephone operating companies ("GTE"), hereby certifies that all interstate access universal service support provided to GTE pursuant to Part 54.807 of the Commission's Rules will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. That is, to make explicit support that was previously implicit in interstate access rates, and to keep subscriber line charges associated with local telephone service affordable.

GTE is an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) consistent with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. A listing of GTE Operating Companies with ETC status is being provided for which this certification applies.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey C. Gould

Vice President - Government & Regulatory Affairs

GTE Corporation

Attachment:

cc: Robert Haga – Universal Service Administrative Company

GTE Network Services As of June 30, 2000

ETC Study Areas

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FEMERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMUNICATION OF THE SECRETARY

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Re: GTE Request for Confidential Treatment of CALLS Line Count Data Provided to USAC, CC Docket Nos. 96-262, 94-1, 99-249, and 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

GTE Service Corporation, on behalf of its affiliated domestic telephone operating companies ("GTE"), pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §0.459, requests that wire-center (WC) line counts summarized by UNE zone GTE is providing to USAC on June 30, 2000 not be made routinely available for public inspection. Pursuant to the Commission's Sixth Report and Order¹ in the matter of Access Price Reform, GTE must submit WC line count data for each of its UNE zones to USAC for the CALLS Program on June 30, 2000 and each quarter thereafter.

The information submitted in the Confidential version contains trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is confidential and disclosure to the public would likely cause competitive injury to GTE. See 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4); National Parks and Conservation Ass'n v. Morton, 498 F.2d 765 (D.C. Cir. 1974); National Parks and Conservation Ass'n v. Kleppe, 547 F.2d 673 (D.C. Cir. 1976). The submission provided to USAC contains detailed information of GTE's facilities including highly sensitive information used in GTE's business plans. Disclosure of this information at the level of particular zone / wire center would reveal proprietary business information and would cause competitive harm to GTE. Competitors or potential competitors could use the information to evaluate operational and business plans. Disclosure of this information could undermine GTE's business interests and

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Sixth Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 96-262, 94-1 Report and Order in CC Docket No. 99-249, and Eleventh Report and Order in CC Docket No.96-45, FCC 00-193, released May 31, 2000.

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could have a significant, long-term, negative impact on the ability of GTE to effectively compete in its marketplace.

The Commission has previously recognized the proprietary nature of wire center specific line count data and has treated similar data submissions as confidential and protected from public disclosure.²

Accordingly, GTE asks that WC line count data by UNE zone provided to USAC be treated under the Commission's Rules as confidential.

Sincerely,

Gail L. Polivy

Attorney for GTE Service Corporation

cc: Katie King – Accounting Policy Division, 5-B550

John Ricker - USAC - Whippany, NJ

See, e.g., Order, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160, DA 99-1406 at ¶8, released Jul. 19, 1999.

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Thursday, June 29, 2000

01) REPLY

Document Date: 6/27/00

2000 Annual Access Tariff Filings

Filed By :

Iowa Telecommunications Services

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Roseville Telco BellSouth NECA

02) COMMENTS

Document Date: 6/26/00

Docket #: CC 98-147: Deployment of wireline services

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Covad Communications

03) EMERGENCY MOTION FOR STAY

Document Date: 6/27/00

Petition for an Order directing the NANP administrator to assign NXX codes in

Connecticut to Global Crossing Local Services

Filed By:

Global Crossing

Global Crossing - petition

04) COMMENTS

Document Date: 6/27/00

Echostar Satellite Corporation application for authority to make minor modifications to

DBS authorizations

Filed By:

State of Alaska

ORDERS

05) FCC MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER (DA 00-1452)

Docket #: NSD-L-00-46: SWBell petitions for limited modification of LATA boundary to provide ELCS Document Date: 6/29/00between Blessing and El Campo in TX

06) FCC MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER (DA 00-1453)

Document Date: 6/29/00

Docket #: NSD-L-00-47: SWBell petition for limited modification of LATA boundary to provide ELCS

between Laneville and Nacogdoches, TX

PUBLIC NOTICES

07) FCC PUBLIC NOTICE Document Date: 6/29/00

Tariff Transmittal Public Reference Log

08) FCC PUBLIC NOTICE Document Date: 6/29/00

Docket #: CC 92-237: FCC announces next meeting of North American Numbering Council - 7/18/00

09) FCC PUBLIC NOTICE (DA 00-1451)

Document Date: 6/29/00

Docket # : ETC 00-22 : 4-DTV seeks determination of ETC status

Comments 07/19/2000 Replies: 07/26/2000

10) FCC PUBLIC NOTICE (DA 00-1450)

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Docket #: ETC 00-21: Reese Telecommunications seeks determination as ETC

Comments 07/19/2000 Replies: 07/26/2000

11) FCC PUBLIC NOTICE (DA 00-1457)

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Foreign Carrier Affiliation notification

12) FCC PUBLIC NOTICE (DA 00-1456)

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DIRECTV application to launch DBS space station

13) FCC PUBLIC NOTICE (DA 00-1449)

Document Date: 6/29/00

Due Diligence Announcement for upcoming 800 MHz spectrum auctions